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## MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The reply filed on March 28, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): First, a sufficient response has not been provided for the objection to the Abstract; specifically, the use of "means" in line 5 remains improper. Second, the response includes a proposed drawing change but the proposed drawing change does not show the proposed changes in red ink or otherwise highlighted as required by MPEP 608.02(v). (It is noted that this is necessary so that the PTO Draftsman, who reviews only the drawings, can readily review the changes). Third, a sufficient response has not been provided for the rejections under 35 USC 112 to claim 1, lines 1-3, particularly regarding the use of "in particular" and "such as"; and for the rejection under 35 USC 112 to claim 7, line 2. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers for this group are: formal papers - (703)305-3579; informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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